

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

SYNOD OF THE DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH.

OUR HUDSON CORRESPONDENTS.

Hudson, N. Y., June 12, 1854.
Session of the Synod.—The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—The Synodical Sermon—Communications and Resolutions—Anti-Slavery Statement—Exhortations Against Popery, &c. &c.

This pleasant and quiet little city has been the scene of more than usual, yet healthful, animation during the last few days.

The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church met here last Wednesday, at 10 A. M., and have since been occupied in the consideration of the usual annual business of that body; and many measures of great importance and general interest to the church have been discussed, and all will still claim their attention. This is the largest meeting of this Synod which has taken place in several years, as it opened with sixty-three members, and the number reached 102 members before the close of the week. A pleasant degree of harmony has hitherto marked all the proceedings of this body.

The Synod having convened, was opened with prayer by Rev. Joseph Berg, D. D., of Philadelphia. The Synod then having balloted for officers, the Rev. Dr. Hutton, of New York, was elected President, and Rev. Messrs. J. P. Strong and J. M. Peris were elected clerks pro tem.

The afternoon was appropriated to exhortations. The Rev. Dr. Froudit, of Rutgers College, delivered a stirring address to the ministry present, insisting upon their maintaining old truths, in opposition to the new conceits of the day, and that they should not fear to contend for the faith, and that they should themselves worthy sons of the noble fathers of this branch of the Reformed Church.

Rev. Dr. DeWitt, of New York, followed, urging to a sense of responsibility in laboring for the prosperity of our church, which, in this country, had been blessed with the labors of many men of learning and distinguished piety. Such were Dominies Freeman, of Long Island, and Freilighuyzen, of Freeport. Nineteen printed sermons of the latter have recently been translated, which will doubtless be a grateful offering to many of our people.

The First Reformed Dutch Church, (Rev. Mr. DeMarcel's) was well filled in the evening, on occasion of the Synodical sermon. This was expected to be delivered by Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Albany, the President of the last Synod. The Rev. Doctor being otherwise engaged, in connection with the great railroad excursion, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Berg, from 1 Cor. ii. 9, 10. The sermon was able, and interesting to the audience.

A letter was read from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of South Africa, in which they tendered their Christian esteem and fellowship. This church now consists of fifty-four parishes. On account of the scarcity of ministers there, they have been obliged to employ laymen, and had received liberal contributions toward the object. They were now endeavoring to secure two professors from Holland.

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Rev. Dr. BARR, secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, then addressed the Synod. The subject of our bonds with Popery at home and abroad. There are about 250,000,000 Romanists in the world 3,000,000 of these are in our country. Our board is made up of good men from all denominations, and several of the most efficient in the world. We have colonizers, missionaries, and lecturers, of whom we have had ninety-two during the last year. We intend an annual synodical convention of different

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The delegation of the Committee on Education was resumed. They presented an enlarged plan of conducting parochial schools, which, after a general and animated discussion, was almost unanimously adopted. The request of the Sabbath School Board was granted, severing the connection between them and the American Sunday School Union. The appropriation to beneficiaries was ordered to be paid for one quarter after they leave the seminary, and about the same time after they leave the seminary.

The Board of Education were empowered to employ a Corresponding Secretary and General Agent to devote his time to the interests of the Board, provided his salary be not taken from the educational fund, but from a separate fund, to be raised by the defrayment of the expenses of the Western Delegates in attending this Synod. Votes of thanks were presented to the Reformed Dutch Church of Hudson, and the inhabitants of the city and vicinity for their hospitable and various committees on the incidental business of the Synod reported, after which the Synod adjourned with singing, prayer, and benediction.

This Synod has been large, industrious, conservative, and progressive. With great unanimity they have adopted many measures of vital importance to the future prosperity of the church, and if their action be energetically followed up by the people, we shall yet have them. The Synod closed, much gratified by the attentions they received from the grateful inhabitants of Hudson, and will doubtless cherish pleasant memories of their nine days residence and labor here.

OUR WEEKLY SUMMARY.
 Rev. Dr. Farley, pastor of the First Unitarian Church at Brooklyn, will preach this evening, at the Octagon, Williamsburg, corner of Fifth and South Fifth streets, at 7½ o'clock.

Rev. Isaac P. Stryker was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Hoboken, N. J., on Sunday evening last, by a commission of the Third Presbytery of New York.

Rev. James A. Gallup, late of the Yale Seminary, was installed at Essex, Ct., May 17.

Rev. I. S. Kallouch, of Rockland, has received a call from the Baptist Church at Sacramento, Cal., accompanied by a draft of sufficient amount to pay his expenses out. They offer a salary of \$3,000.

The Rev. G. H. Nicholls has resigned the charge of the Church of Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Chicago, N. Y.

Rev. H. W. Gilbert, after thirteen and a half years of labor with the Presbyterian Church in Windsor, N. Y., has accepted an invitation to labor with the church in Greene, N. Y.

Rev. Jared P. Fernald, Representative in Congress, has been called to the Society in Nashua, N. H., of which Rev. Mr. Fernald was lately pastor.

DEATHS IN THE MINISTRY.
 Putnam, late pastor of Christ Church, Montpelier, Vt., aged 70 years.

Rev. Joseph Shanon, one of the oldest Methodist ministers in the connection, died on Saturday morning, the 10th inst., at his residence in Baltimore.

NEW CHURCHES.
 The corner stone of the Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church at Dobbs Ferry, will be laid on Wednesday, June 15, at 10 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Martindale, the Presiding Elder, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wakeley and others.

The corner stone of the First Presbyterian Church edifice, Bridgeport, Connecticut, will be laid on Monday next, the 19th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

The new church edifice erected by the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Conn., will be dedicated on Friday, June 23. Services at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and 7½ o'clock in the evening. Rev. Dr. Hatfield, of New York; Rev. Dr. Hewitt, of New York; Rev. Dr. Spear, of Brooklyn, are expected to be present.

The opening services of the Church of the Holy Innocents will be held on the first Sunday after Trinity, to-day. The Rector elect will be installed at 10½ o'clock A. M., by the Rev. William Berrian, D. D., of New York. The Rector elect is the Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., of New York. The service will be delivered at the second service, at 3 o'clock P. M., and the sermon at the third service, at 8 o'clock P. M., will be by the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, D. D.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at North Bellville, N. Y., will be dedicated on Sunday, June 19, at 10 o'clock. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Hagany, of New York, and W. Tinsion, and L. K. Dunn, of New Jersey.

A new and beautiful edifice, called Emmanuel Church, to be used by the congregation of Christ Church, is now in course of construction in Baltimore.

The new Methodist Church which has just been erected in Hudson, N. Y., was dedicated on the 15th inst., Rev. Bishop Jones, of this city, officiating.

The new granite church just erected for the Unitarian Society, in Hudson, N. Y., was dedicated on June 15.

The new Presbyterian Church in Sireport, La., was dedicated on the 11th inst.

The corner stone of the new Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, near the corner of Ross and Belmont streets, Baltimore, was laid on Sunday afternoon, the 14th inst., by the Most Rev. Archbishop Kenrick.

The new church edifice lately erected in Bangor, Maine, by the Second Baptist Society, was dedicated on the 15th inst.

MISCELLANEOUS.
 Miss Abigail Martin, daughter of the First Congregational Society in Rockville, is soon to leave for Canada as a missionary among the fugitive slaves, under a commission from the American Missionary Association.

The Rev. E. A. Lawrence, of Marblehead, has accepted of the appointment of Professor of Sacred Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Theological Institute of Connecticut.

Elder John Young, late President of Bacon College, Ky., has been recently chosen to the pastoral charge of the Christian church worshipping in the college edifice at the corner of Pava and Lombard streets, Baltimore.

The Holy See has again sent the bulls to Rev. Father O'Regan, and he has consented, in obedience to the Apostolic mandate, to become Bishop of Chicago. The Rev. Father O'Regan, who is now in the city of Rome, will take place on the 16th of July, in the Cathedral of St. Peter.

A meeting of some sort of a novel character will be held at the Halsey street M. E. Church, in Newark, N. J., to-day, in which those persons now living in Newark, who have been connected with the Sabbath School of the city, and who, nearly twenty years ago, are expected to participate, will remember of scenes long past, and doubtless will have an occasion of unusual interest.

Rev. E. J. Lawrence, of New York, has asked a dismission from the pastorate of the Presbyterian churches of Brownville and Dexter, N. Y.

By the arrival last night of the brig Overbridge, Captain Swan, we have received Bermuda papers to the 6th inst. The following is from the Hamilton Advertiser, and, in view of the exorbitant prices now asked for all sorts of vegetables, is exceedingly interesting—

The fine little brigantine Quadruple, Capt. Swan, sailed to-day for New York, and the brig Toronto, sails to-morrow for the same port, both well laden with potatoes, onions and tomatoes, in prime order, well cured and boxed, which will no doubt grace the New York market and command a price they deserve. It is a matter of satisfaction and credit to Bermuda that our farmers are taking such pains to send their produce in good order to the American and West Indian markets; our shipments cannot be too particular, and in fact for the sake of the country and for the protection of those who pay attention to the barreling and boxing of the staples article. Bermuda is a regular exporter and brand of good produce for the market, and a cargo of cargoes are landed in a spoiled condition certainly the vegetable dealers will be cautious and indifferent about purchasing; then as we hope to obtain a good price for the produce of our soil in the years to come, let us be more and more careful in sending our cargoes in good condition, that all fears of the wholesale dealers may be dissipated.

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